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1. MISOFF RECEIVED CALL APRIL 6, 1978 FROM THIRD SECRETARY GORAN H. KAPETANOVIC IN WHICH HE RELATED INCIDENT INVOLVING COUNSELOR DRAGAN MATELJAK OF YUGO MISSION. ACCORDING TO KAPETANOVIC, AN AMERICAN MALE, OF MEDIUM BUILD, 35-40 YEARS OLD, WITH LIGHT BROWN HAIR, APPROACHED DOORMAN (JERRY STRAYER) OUTSIDE APARTMENT HOUSE AT 244 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, WHERE MATELJAK RESIDES. INDIVIDUAL CLAIMED TO BE US GOVT INVESTIGATOR AND SHOWED DOORMAN METAL BADGE AS PROOF OF IDENTITY. ACCORDING TO KAPETANOVIC, TOP OF BADGE WAS INSCRIBED "UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT," CENTER OF BADGE DISPLAYS AN EAGLE, AND ON BOTTOM IS WORD "INVESTIGATOR." (DESCRIPTION DOES NOT FIT FBI OR SY AGENT BADGE.) DOORMAN DESCRIBED A "KIND OF BOX" LINED WITH CLOTH SIMILAR TO CORDUROY IN WHICH BADGE WAS ENCASED. KAPETANOVIC VOLUNTEER ED THAT "IT IS NOT PINNED TO A LEATHER CASE, LIKE THE FBI BADGE." KAPETANOVIC THEN LISTED SEVERAL QUESTIONS WHICH THI PERSON REPORTEDLY ASKED ABOUT MATELJAK. CONFIDENTIAL.

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- (A) DOES HE LIVE ALONE OR DOES HE HAVE A FAMILY?
- (B) HOW MANY CHILDREN?
- (C) WHAT IS HIS MODE OF TRAVEL TO WORK?
- (D) IS HE ALONE OR WITH SOMEONE WHEN HE LEAVES FOR WORK?
- (E) IN WHICH DIRECTION DOES HE GO?
- (F) DOES HE TRAVEL BY CAR?

- (G) WHERE DOES HE PARK THE CAR?
- (H) DOES HE HAVE A DRIVER?
- 2. KAPETANOVIC ADVISED THAT DOORMAN ANSWERED SOME OF THE QUESTIONS, SAYING MATELJAK IS MARRIED, HAS A SON, AND LEAVES THE HOUSE ALONE WHEN HE GOES TO WORK. DOORMAN CLAIMED HE COULD NOT ANSWER ANY OF THE OTHER QUESTIONS. KAPETANOVIC ADVISED THAT HE HAD REPORTED INCIDENT TO FBI AS WELL AS NEW YORK CITY POLICE.
- 3. KAPETANOVIC ALSO INFORMED MISOFF THAT HIS MISSION HAD WHAT HE REFERRED TO AS "HINTS" THAT THERE COULD BE ATTACKS AGAINST YUGOSLAV INSTALLATIONS IN US WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. HE SAID THESE WOULD BE COMING FROM SERBIAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION CALLED "SOPO". KAPETANOVIC ALSO WARNED OF POSSIBILITY OF TROUBLE ON APRIL 10, THE ANNIVERSARY OF CROATIAN INDEPENDENCE. KAPETANOVIC WARNED THAT INQUIRY CONCERNING MATELJAK'S MOVEMENTS MAY BE CONNECTED TO THESE EVENTS.
- 4. MISOFF VERIFIED THAT BOTH FBI AND POLICE WERE AWARE OF MATELJAK INCIDENT AND ALERTED BOTH AGENCIES TO YUGO MISSION CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BY SERBIAN AND CROATIAN GROUPS. LEONARD

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